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INFO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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SUBJECT: KAGNEW THREE: ELF APPEAL TO USG

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1. WE HAVE, OF COURSE, NOTED ELF'S APPEAL FOR FOOD AND
MEDICINES IN CONNECTION WITH RELEASE OF KAGNEW TWO. WHILE
IT MAY BE RESTATING OBVIOUS, WE WISH EMPHASIZE THAT ANY
REPLY TO SUDANESE AND THROUGH SUDANESE TO ELF THAT
SUGGESTS IN ANY WAY THAT WE PREPARED DIRECTLY TO PROVIDE
FOOD OR MEDICINE OR BOTH

TO INSURGENTS IN ETHIOPIA WOULD
BE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO EPMG AND PUT US IN VERY DIFFICULT
POSITION HERE. THERE WOULD SIMPLY BE NO WAY THAT WE COULD
SATISFACTORILY EXPLAIN ANY SUCH ASSISTANCE TO EPMG.

2. ASSISTANCE TO ERITREAN REFUGEES RESIDENT IN SUDAN MAY
BE DIFFERENT MATTER. WE COULD ENVISION SCENARIO IN WHICH
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USG CONTRIBUTES TO ASSISTANCE FOR REFUGEES THROUGH UNHCR OR

VOLARF. WHILE WE WOULD WANT TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON ANY SUCH PROPOSAL BEFORE IT WAS CONVEYED TO SUDANESE, WE BELIEVE THIS KIND OF ASSISTANCE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO EPMG INTER ALIA ON GROUNDS THAT THEY TOO WOULD PRESUMABLY BE INTERESTED IN WELFARE OF THEIR CITIZENS WHO HAVE FLED BATTLE ZONE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT AID TO REFUGEES IS NOT WHAT ELF PRESUMABLY HAD IN MIND BUT NONETHELESS THINK SUCH A PROPOSED PROGRAM MIGHT WELL HAVE SOME APPEAL TO THEM.

3. WE WOULD OF COURSE WANT TO SEE ALL PRISONERS RELEASED BY ALL INSURGENT GROUPS BEFORE EMBARKING ON ANY KIND OF PROGRAM AT ALL AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT IF DEPT IS GIVING ANY CONSIDERATION TO THIS OR SOME OTHER SIMILAR PROPOSAL, DEPT WILL ALSO BUILD IN REQUEST FOR ASSURANCES THROUGH SUDUN THAT OUR PERSONNEL IN ASMARA WOULD HENCEFORTH BE LEFT ALONE.
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